Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS. The story of American railroads is the saga of the growth of a nation, an eternal legend of the grandiose schemes of visionaries and vigorous enterpreneurs; and,

WHEREAS, The railroads' days of steam and glory captured the American imagination with rails running to the horizon, tempting the restless American spirit with wanderlust for faraway places; and,

WHEREAS, The railroads spanned the magnificent distances of the American West, bringing to South Dakota an eager rush of homesteaders, immigrants, merchants, miners, and loggers who left to our posterity their indomitable spirit to succeed in the face of all odds; and,

WHEREAS, Now, as in historical times, the economic well-being of all South Dakota--East and West, city and farm--rides on the iron horse; and,

WHEREAS, Dependable transportation upon an economically crucial core system of rails has been secured in South Dakota because of the support of taxpayers, the courage of lawmakers, the dedication of state workers, the toil of track laborers, and the initiative of a great railroad company; and,

WHEREAS, On this day in Mitchell, the President of the Burlington Northern Railroad and the Governor of the State of South Dakota will sign a five-year agreement, enabling the Burlington Northern to operate trains on the State-owned track, an event which marks the dawning of a new era for rail transportation in South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 22, 1981, as

RAILROAD DEDICATION DAY

in South Dakota, and I respectfully encourage South Dakotans to participate--in person and in spirit--in these festivities which are dedicated to the hope that the railroads' memorable past may be prologue to an era of unprecedented economic prosperity for our people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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